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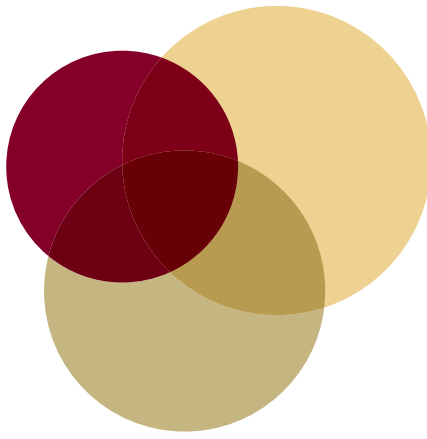
- Askew School of Public Administration and Policy - #1 public affairs program in Florida, #16 nationally; #1 in public policy analysis in the state, #28 nationally
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### Our Mission

The College of Social Sciences and Public Policy is dedicated to providing students with the highest quality instruction and performing first class research to serve society. Our students and faculty generate new knowledge that enhances the discussion of important social, economic, and public policy issues and leads to innovations in industry, government, and nonprofit organizations. We prepare our students for meaningful careers, advanced professional training, and an active role in public life.

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- Transform the educational experience for outstanding students to help prepare tomorrow's leaders in business, politics, government, and the nonprofit sector for a global society.
- Build world-class research and teaching programs that focus on issues related to equality of opportunity, economic development, aging, health, and environmental quality that are critical to the state of Florida and the nation.
- Develop an international research and teaching program on the impact of cultural, social, and political institutions on equality of opportunity, economic growth, terrorism, and international relations.
- Engage in research to generate practical solutions to economic, political, and social problems.
- Achieve and retain top 20 status among U.S. public universities in all program areas and departments.

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## Welcome to ENGAGE!

### A Message from the Editor

You'll notice that beginning with this year's edition, we've given the college's annual publication a name. More than a traditional annual report, this is a resource by which you can learn all about the goings-on at the college over the past year—the achievements of students and faculty, the support from our donors and alumni, the latest educational developments, both within the classroom and beyond, and more. Simply put, it's a tool for you to stay engaged with the college on a number of levels. And that's why we've chosen the name *Engage*.

"Engage" has many synonyms with various shades of meaning—connect, participate, involve, mesh, encounter—all of which perfectly reflect both the mission of the college and the purpose of this publication. We teach our students to engage with the world in an active and meaningful way, interacting with individuals, communities, and cultures across the globe to take leadership on the important challenges we face every day. And we want you, the readers of this publication—whether alumni, friends, students, or faculty—to engage with each other and with the college.

We welcome your impressions and feedback about the evolving look and focus of this magazine. We hope you find it entertaining and informative. We trust that what you read here will inspire you to bring your support, expertise, experience, and insights to bear on the mission of the college. And most of all, we look forward to engaging with you at every opportunity.



**David W. Rasmussen**

Dean of the College of  
Social Sciences and Public Policy

# Dear Friends,

Welcome to the inaugural issue of *Engage*, the publication of the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy! Of course, we've been producing annual reports for a number of years now, but this name change signals a new era, not only for the publication itself, as the editor's message on page 1 explains, but for the college and the valuable opportunities we offer our students.

Although the name is new to this edition, the word "engage" has long been a hallmark of what we do here at the college. Through the expertise of award-winning faculty, the bold new ideas generated by cutting-edge research into the key challenges our world faces today, and the career-enhancing opportunities of our Get More Than a Degree initiative, students continue to engage with the world as scholars, leaders, and active members of their communities. We're justifiably proud of the fact that our students can hold their own against any in the country, as I'm sure you'll see in this report.

To really engage with the world, however, means constantly moving forward, and this fall, in conjunction with the Division of Undergraduate Studies, we've launched an exciting new initiative in social entrepreneurship and innovation, positioning Florida State University to be a leader in this emerging field. In addition to academic studies on social problems and creative, sustainable ways to solve them, this initiative includes many practical, applied aspects, such as internships, competitive scholarships, and professional development courses on the soft skills our program consultants say are critical for successful careers. The expertise of a social entrepreneur-in-residence will take students well beyond classroom-based studies to engage with the global community as never before. You can read more about this initiative on page 4.

We're also moving forward with hiring new faculty in every department to replace positions we lost in what I like to call the "late unpleasantness," aka the five years of fiscal austerity that we're happy to note ended last year. Our departments are identifying young scholars who will bring great classroom expertise and academic work to enhance the college's world-wide reputation for excellence in research. I enjoy interviewing these very bright and engaging job candidates, and I am confident that our string of highly successful recruits will continue.

Of course, our annual publication is also a time for looking back, and it is with great sadness that we note the March 13, 2014, passing of Governor Reubin O'Donovan Askew, our colleague and friend, whose extraordinary career is touched on in this report (page 27). I always treasured his support, good will, and encouragement in my role as dean. He was a good friend and I will miss him.

I trust you'll enjoy this edition of our yearly publication and sincerely hope it inspires you to engage with the college any way you can. If you return to campus this year, please take the opportunity to visit us. Homecoming is November 8, and I look forward to seeing you then.

With very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David W. Rasmussen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

David W. Rasmussen  
Dean

# Dear Fellow Alumni,

I remember my earliest days as a student at the Askew School for Public Administration and Policy. There were times when I wanted to quit because one of the courses, statistics, was so hard. I'm grateful for the opportunity now to tell you that I not only mastered that course, I beat the statistics that said someone like me didn't have a chance. I was a single teen mom when I started at Florida State, taking mostly evening classes because I also had a full-time job. Do you know what the undergraduate graduation rate is for teen mothers? Less than 2%! However, I went on to earn my Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree by the time I was 25. Sure, I'm proud of that. It took a lot of hard work—and I was a first generation college student, at that. But the support I got at the Askew School and the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy was just as important to my success, and I'll always be grateful for that and look for opportunities to give back in any way I can.

I found a way to fulfill my passion for working on behalf of the disadvantaged through the specialization in nonprofit management. What I learned there proved to be very valuable in both the nonprofit and for-profit industries, as well as my own civic and social circles. My education, which led to a competitive internship in Washington, D.C., gave me a solid foundation in hands-on, practical skills, such as organizational change and development, capacity building and sustainability, diversification in funding streams, and volunteerism.

Because of the reputation of FSU, the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy, and the Askew School, I was expected to deliver in the demanding and rewarding jobs I've had since graduating. I can say that I was well prepared to meet all expectations, particularly because of the way the program motivates the professional to "remain a student." In other words, I was taught to welcome chances to learn from organizations and the continuously changing landscape of my field. My FSU MPA experience still gives me confidence, credibility, and "career character." I couldn't ask for more in a school.

I'm thrilled to see that others who share my passion will now get to pursue their ideals and career goals through the new Social Entrepreneurship and Innovation initiative. This wonderful program will help students learn how to create and run their own organizations dedicated to the public good in a way that's sustainable and highly effective. If I were starting my education today, I might very well consider this option and all it has to offer.

From my own experience, I know that the college will assure the students in this new initiative have the same support and opportunities I had. I hope they can count on your support, too. At my most discouraged, my major professor, Dr. Ralph Brower, personally responded to my messages, called me and encouraged me to keep going. He helped me celebrate small victories and supported my out-of-state internship proposal. I'm sure I don't have to tell you how important it is to know someone "has your back" like that. I urge you to contact the college today and find out more about this remarkable initiative and the new direction it offers for engaging with our 21st century world and the challenges we face today.

I'd like to leave you with one final memory—the look of pride on my father's face the day of my graduation. That look, that memory, perfectly describes the respect and reverence I have for what goes on in the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy. I am grateful to the college every day for how far I've come in my life. I appreciate the opportunity to reflect on my experience, and I urge you to join with me in supporting this great college and its outstanding students.

All the best,



Jessica Jackson



Jessica Jackson

(Public Administration, '05)  
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# ENGAGING WITH THE WORLD

## SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION: A NEW ERA OF ENGAGEMENT AT FSU

Teaching students about the major challenges our world faces and guiding them to take leadership on the important issues has always been a significant aspect of the college's mission. Now, as these problems continue to grow more complex, we are revisioning and expanding what we offer students to meet the changing needs and realities of our time.

We enter the 2014-2015 academic year with much enthusiasm for an exciting new program that offers expanded opportunities for our students and the promise of better things for the world. This fall, the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy and the Division of Undergraduate Studies kicks off the Social Entrepreneurship and Innovation initiative, a program designed to elicit, nurture, and harness the talents and motivation of potential agents of change in our student population.

Through this initiative, students in any major throughout the university gain the perspective, skills, and technical training to create sustainable social ventures dedicated to the greater good, tackling such problems as poverty, disease, educational access, and environmental concerns. Sustainable is key here—employing sound business practices for more efficient delivery of services and longer-lasting impact. That's where social entrepreneurship differs from our long-held notions of philanthropy, relying not simply on donations but on developing viable business plans and revenue streams to maintain the organization over the long haul.

*Archimedes famously stated, "Give me a lever long enough and a place to stand, and I will move the world." Social entrepreneurship is that lever. Your support provides the place to stand. Together we can move the world.*



Equally important, the program will give students the critical thinking tools to look beyond traditional paths of engagement and activism and discover new ways to connect people and ideas for innovative solutions, whether in newly created ventures or as part of existing organizations and institutions. Students will learn to leverage the resources of investors, consumers, and communities to achieve positive social change, benefiting from the hands-on experiences of social entrepreneurs-in-residence serving as teachers and mentors.

Social entrepreneurship seeks to build on the strengths of both the public and private sectors and to learn from a variety of methods, recognizing that much

creative problem-solving today is coming from individuals and organizations across the globe tackling the big challenges and, in many cases, outperforming established approaches.

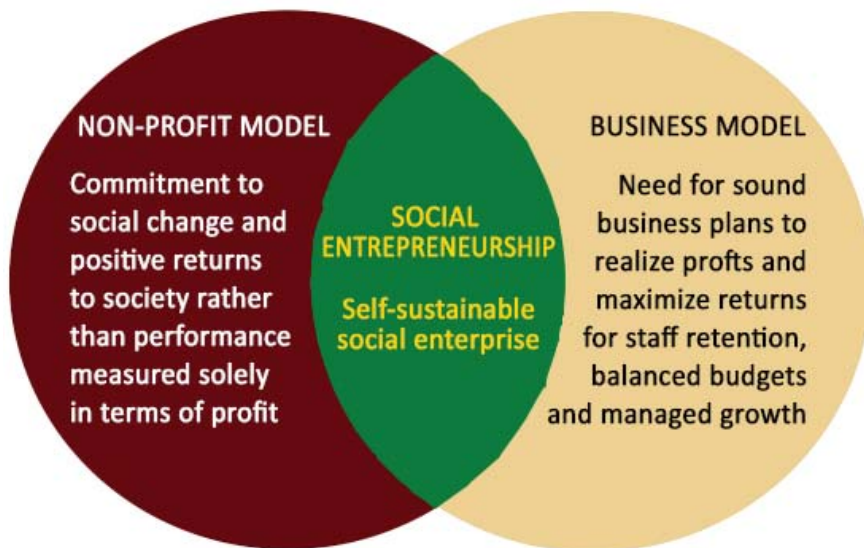
Think of this initiative as an incubator. We are creating an experiential learning laboratory for aspiring social entrepreneurs and innovators. And we're providing alumni and friends the opportunity to support an academic program designed to create employment in enterprises that address social problems. Giving back by contributing to this initiative not only supports students today but also has the potential for multiplier effects when they create and manage sustainable social enterprises tomorrow.

Groundwork for this initiative has already been laid in the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy through seminars offered by the Askew School of Public Administration and Policy and the DeVoe L. Moore Center.

In addition, the William and Helen Diehl Family Foundation is helping to launch the university's focus on innovation and entrepreneurship with a two-year pilot project to identify and support new enterprises capable of providing sustainable solutions to social problems in the U.S. and abroad.

Participants in the seminars and competition have generated more than 100 innovative ideas to date. Here are just a few.

- **Walks of Life Hotel:** renovate an abandoned hotel in Sebring, Fla., as a lodging area for migrant workers during harvest season
- **Quick Clean Laundromat:** provide job opportunities to ex-offenders to establish a record of gainful employment and transition into the mainstream labor force
- **Bicycle Program for Economic Activity:** manufacture heavy duty bicycles within Jordanian refugee camps using regionally-sourced materials
- **Warm Night Connections:** develop a digital tool to connect the homeless with community organizations providing temporary beds once local shelters reach capacity on harsh winter nights
- **Rebuilding Local Food Systems:** provide low-income farm workers with access to community gardens, farmers' markets, and education on sustainable agriculture and health through the Farmworkers Association of Florida
- **Made in Rwanda:** create an online store platform for Rwandan business entrepreneurs, who suffer from disproportionate poverty and unemployment.



"Social entrepreneurship impacts the lives of thousands of people in a very real way. There is a tremendous amount of talent here at Florida State University and a wealth of resources that can be leveraged for a major initiative that's global in scope."

– **Sam Staley,**  
**Director DeVoe L. Moore Center**



"We've been teaching leadership skills for a long time, but in social entrepreneurship, we see the potential to help communities work better and for people to discover meaningful ways to participate in that endeavor."

– **William Earle Klay,**  
**Director Askew School**



"I've worked with a number of social ventures, so I can attest to how transformational the process can be. Having to think deeply about a particular social problem and develop a sustainable organization to address it helps students become better thinkers, citizens, and community leaders equipped to tackle the most pressing issues of our time."

– **Joe O'Shea, Director**  
**Center for Undergraduate Research and Academic Excellence**



Economics major Kaylee Tuck introduced social entrepreneurship to retired COSSPP faculty at their annual luncheon, April 9, 2014. Kaylee spoke about her proposal for a sustainable solution for migrant worker housing in Sebring, Florida, by converting an abandoned hotel now owned by the city.



## ESTABLISHING WORLDWIDE PARTNERSHIPS: GLOBAL PEACE EXCHANGE

**Joanna Douglas,**  
**Co-Director 2013-2014**

**G**lobal Peace Exchange (GPE) is a student-led initiative founded in 2006 that empowers students to establish partnerships with nonprofit organizations and to plan, budget, execute, evaluate, and pass on sustainable community development projects abroad. The group has become so respected for its service and vision that it was chosen from more than 600 student groups on campus for the 2014 Organization of the Year Leadership Award.

Throughout the academic year, GPE participates in and organizes events on campus as well as within the community. During the summer semester, GPE sends teams of students on eight-week grassroots projects abroad, which they prepare for throughout the year. These projects also offer the opportunity to conduct research in their chosen field, gain internship or DIS credit, and build intercultural communication skills.

Overall, GPE has partnered with organizations in eight different countries and facilitated the training and travel of more than 100 undergraduate students. GPE supports a student-driven acquisition of funding through private donations, awards, grants, and fundraising in order to allow students to travel without incurring significant financial burdens. This year, GPE sent 19 FSU students to work on projects in Ghana, Moldova, Nepal, Rwanda, and Uganda.

The most important and unique aspect of GPE is that its executive board has always been made up completely of undergraduate students, allowing them the opportunity to gain experience in nonprofit management and build confidence in their administrative skills.

This year, GPE has made some major changes, including restructuring the executive board from appointed positions to elected ones. Now all board members have equal executive power, creating a sense of democratic responsibility and ownership.

GPE is also now a multimedia experience open to anyone through several platforms: the “GPE Times,” a newsletter of events and project information; a hugely increased social media presence; an extensive amount of organizational material available on the public GPE Google Drive; YouTube videos, including recordings of training workshops and

promo videos; and the Nole Central resource page on the university web site.

The Global Peace Exchange has become not just a student group and not just a group of new friends bonded by similar interests and goals but an inclusive and participatory interdisciplinary student community of ambitious and passionate individuals. ■

## GPE PROJECTS ABROAD, SUMMER 2013



The GPE Nepal team partnered with Clinic Nepal to facilitate a youth empowerment camp for the Friendship Scout Troop. Ian Michaels (pictured with scouts) made use of his skills as an FSU Challenge Course facilitator by including teambuilding exercises, games, and discussions in the camp curriculum. This helped the scouts implement their own community-improvement projects, including donating reusable cloth bags, installing public dustbins, and promoting appropriate personal hygiene.



The GPE Uganda team partnered with Bright Kids Uganda and volunteered in the local orphanage. Here, Monica Fleming and Barbara Christakis help Bright Kids Uganda children read books collected and donated by GPE volunteers. Team member Seth Fielding returned to Tallahassee and organized the First Annual Jam for Peace Benefit Show to promote GPE involvement with the local community and raise funds to support future GPE projects.

The GPE Rwanda team partnered with Global Communities and participated in individual internships sponsored by USAID. As part of her internship, Mary Thurston (right) conducted interviews and surveyed teachers throughout Rwanda about their participation in local literacy centers. Mary and team member Evan Marcus also touched base with past partner organizations and with GPE co-founder Alex Merkovic, employed in Rwanda as a development research consultant, to gauge the potential for future projects.





## PREPARING TO LEAD: SOCIAL SCIENCE SCHOLARS

One of proudest achievements of the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy under Dean David Rasmussen has been the Social Science Scholars program. Founded in 2011 and directed by John Mayo, the program builds upon the college's history of graduating men and women who have had distinguished careers in both the private and public sectors.

Thanks to generous support from alumni, outstanding social science majors are given leadership development opportunities. Social Science Scholars are chosen through a highly competitive process to participate in a unique, three-unit leadership seminar during the spring semester of their junior year. The seminar prepares students for projects of their choosing, which are undertaken during the following summer and/or fall semesters.

Each Social Science Scholar receives up to \$5,000 for approved travel and other expenses related to domestic or international internships, service projects, or research. During their senior year, the students present reports on their leadership projects, attend seminars and symposia, and work with mentors to prepare for graduate school or other postgraduate opportunities.

The third cohort of students in the program was presented at a reception on March 5, 2014. They were introduced to guests by Dean Rasmussen, who acknowledged the importance of alumni support to the program. The evening also featured brief reports by students from the 2013 cohort on the projects they undertook as a result of their selection into the program.

Caroline Burkholder and Amelia Watts spoke about their commitment to reinvest in the local community by working with the Oasis Center's Women Can Run campaign, a project strongly supported by former state legislator Marjorie Turnbull, a guest at the reception and a great friend of the college and Social Science Scholars. The campaign encourages women to run for municipal, county, and state offices. Caroline and Amelia developed a one-day institute for

women leaders in the local high schools as part of an enrichment program geared to fostering interest in public office among that age group.

Ian Michaels, also from the 2013 cohort and co-director of the Global Peace Exchange, spoke about his work in summer 2013 with the Clinic Nepal Friendship Scout Troop as they developed service projects focused on personal hygiene, environmental safety, and improvements to the country's scout program. Ian and his project group also worked with Clinic Nepal's kindergarten teachers to clarify their curriculum and practiced English conversation skills with the community.



Florida State University Dean of Undergraduate Studies Karen Laughlin expressed the admiration everyone at the reception felt for these exceptional students.

"Hearing about what you're accomplishing as Social Science Scholars gives me such hope," she said. "It's inspiring to see students taking hold of their academic experience and making it work for them, making a difference not just at the university but in what you're bringing out into the world, the contributions you'll make to society as a result of what you're getting from this program." ■

"When they graduate, our students will be entering a highly competitive world of tens of thousands of other graduates who have only gotten a degree. Thanks to our Get More than a Degree initiative, many of our students will be entering that world with a solid background of life-changing experiences made possible by the contributions of generous alumni with faith in programs like Social Science Scholars, international studies, our applied and professional master's degree programs, and many others. We thank them for the tremendous boost they have given the students in our college."

— Dean David W. Rasmussen



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### Social Science Scholars 2014 Cohort

1. (l-r) Carol Chirinos, Zachary Laranang, Hunter Hamrick, Janelle King, Marie-Claire Levy

2. (l-r) Hayden Whitfield, Quin Lemieux, Brooks Reid, Rachel Crooks, Jacqueline Rojas

3. (l-r) Mary Rebekah Fritz, Nicole Kliewer, Rebekka Flam, Alejandro Acosta, Qaree Dreher, Tatiana-Rose Becker



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# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Students of the college continue to take on important leadership roles in the university. Political science/business major **Stefano Cavallaro** (right) was elected the 2014-2015 student body president in March. **Jorge M. Rendon** (left), an applied economics and finance major, was elected treasurer. Two other students currently serve as Student Government Association officers: **Lindsay Wood** (International Affairs/Management) as senate president and **Andrea Palermo** (Political Science/Communications) as senate president pro tem.

**Batiah King** (International Affairs), in active duty with the Army Reserve since 2003, was featured on the cover of the January 2014 edition of *G.I. Jobs*, a national publication for military personnel transitioning to civilian life, for a report on veterans at Florida State and programs that serve them. In November 2013, FSU was named to the list of the Top 10 veteran-friendly schools in the nation by *Military Times* magazine. That reputation was given a boost in March 2014 when Gov. Rick Scott signed the Florida G.I. Bill waiving out-of-state tuition fees for military veterans regardless of their residence. That bill was strongly advocated at the state capitol in fall 2013 by former Student Body President **Rosie Contreras** (International Affairs/Women's Studies), former FSU President Eric Barron, and student-veteran **Andrew Sloan** (Political Science/German).



We're very proud to note that the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy has always been well represented in the Florida State University Garnet and Gold Scholar Society. In fall 2013, five out of the 13 inductees were from the college. In spring 2014, an additional 30 of our students were inducted into the society, out of 105 inductees.

According to Carolyn T. Barringer, assistant director of the society, the college usually has the largest number of all those inducted in the spring semester. The society recognizes the engaged,



well-rounded student who excels within and beyond the classroom in leadership, professional, citizenship and/or research skills while building collaborative relationships in the academic, local, or global community.

The following students were inducted in the 2013-2014 academic year:

Fall 2013: **Michael Fitzgerald** (International Affairs), **Hillary Gale** (Chemical Science/Sociology), **Riley McFadden** (Social Work/Social Science), **Ky'Eisha Penn** (left photo, Political Science/African American Studies), and **Shawna Whyre** (Political Science/Criminology)

Spring 2014: **Susanne Botfeld** (Economics/International Affairs), **Katie Britt** (Environmental Science/IA), **Emmanuel Burks** (right photo, Sociology), **Justin Burns** (IA/Criminology), **Jennifer Carlson** (IA), **Mili Chapado** (IA/Political Science), **Amy Correia** (Interdisciplinary Social Sciences/Certificate in Leadership Studies), **Jon Coulter** (IA), **Meron Daniel** (IA), **Joanna Douglas** (IA), **Jennifer Ferguson** (ISS/English Literature), **Mary Rebekah Fritz** (PS/ISS), **Robert Haley** (IA), **Ashley Hilmmer** (ISS), **Brooke Holmes** (Sociology/ISS), **Samantha Janus** (IA/Chinese),

**Rose Marie Laughlin** (Environmental Science/IA), **Emily Lawrence** (IA), **Elizabeth Martin** (PS/IA), **John Mazzoni** (Economics), **Ian Michaels** (IA), **Elizabeth Molina** (Sociology/Communication Science), **Maria Naranjo** (PS/IA), **Genevieve Ozark** (Applied Economics/PS), **Drew Piers** (PS/Public Relations), **Tatiana Pino** (IA/PS), **Amanda Victoria Quintana** (IA/German), **Amber Washington** (PS), **Vanessa White** (African American Studies/Psychology), **Lindsay Wood** (IA/Business Management)





Florida State University's College Mock Trial team, the defending 2013 national champion, competed at the American Mock Trial Association national tournament again in April 2014 and finished fifth in its division of 24 teams. FSU Mock Trial president and team co-captain **Matthew A. Covert** (Political Science) won his second All-American Attorney award. **Justin Nipper** (Political Science/History) won his second All-American Witness award. This was the first year FSU sent two

teams to the nationals, one of only four schools nationally to do so. This newly created Gold Team placed 13th in its division of 24 teams. All seven members of the fifth-ranked Garnet team are students at the college; all but two of the ten Gold Team members are COSSPP majors.

*Right: **Adebola Olofin** (Political Science/Criminology), co-captain of the Gold Team, in action at the tournament.*



Students, staff and organizations associated with the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy were deservedly recognized at Florida State University's Leadership Awards Night, April 15, 2014.

- Academic Leadership Award for academic performance, university service, and contributions in and out of the classroom: **Caroline Burkholder** (Sociology), **Marcus Scott Meachum** (Political Science)
- President's Undergraduate Humanitarian of the Year Award for commitment to service: **Susanne Botfeld** (Economics/International Affairs)
- Sean A. Pittman Award for significant contributions to the welfare and support of African-American students: **Janel Robinson** (Sociology)
- Dean of Students Dean's Cup for a strong commitment to the Seminole Creed: Truthfulness, Respect, Excellence, Freedom of Speech and Inquiry, Diversity, Justice, Citizenship, and Discovery: **Susanne Botfeld** (Econ/IA)
- Student Seminole Award for special contributions to the university in the areas of leadership and service: **Atlee Ahern** (IA), **Ian Michaels** (IA), **Susanne Botfeld** (Econ/IA)
- Organization of the Year Award honors for major contributions to the university community or constituent group in the areas of service and leadership: **Global Peace Exchange** (undergraduate organization)



*Some of the students honored for their leadership this year (l-r) Caroline Burkholder, Janel Robinson, Atlee Ahern, Susanne Botfeld, Marcus Scott Meachum.*

Four graduate students and one graduate from the college were selected in September 2013 for Florida's prestigious Gubernatorial Fellows Program, which places fellows in positions in the Executive Office of the Governor and other agencies: **Courtney Coppola** (far left), an applied American politics and policy grad student with a bachelor's degree in political science (to serve in the Department of Business and Professional Regulation); **Carlos Paez** (3rd from left), political science grad student (Department of Elder Affairs); **Margaret Spicer** (4th from left), third-year law student with bachelor's degrees in political science and international affairs (Department of Economic Opportunity); **Terrence S. Williams** (7th), grad student in public administration (Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission); **Matletha Fuller** (8th), grad student in public administration (Department of Health).



In October 2013, **Will H. Moore**, a professor in FSU's Department of Political Science, entered into a joint effort with Amnesty International (AI) to develop a volunteer video validation network staffed by college students.

The Citizen Media Evidence Partnership (C-MEP) is a means of addressing the authentication of evidence of human rights abuses and war crimes. An alpha version of C-MEP was developed by Moore, political science Ph.D. student **Scott Meachum**, and AI USA's Scott Edwards and Christoph Koettl. In this phase of the project, seven Florida State students trained to validate location and other information about videos of human rights abuses.

Video can provide important evidence that augments or corroborates evidence from other sources, ranging from eyewitness accounts, satellite imagery, news accounts, and even Tweets or other text posts on social media. The problem, according to the team, is the large amount of video that gets posted in any given conflict area.

"The Crisis Prevention and Response Unit at [Amnesty] cannot begin to process the flood of material available, sift the wheat from the chaff, and then validate that the few potentially relevant videos actually contain footage from a specific location of interest," says Koettl, the emergency response manager at AI. "A network of volunteers, however, can be trained to do precisely that."

The team hopes to roll out the beta stage of the project in January 2015, during which they will add three to five teams of volunteer students at other U.S. universities and "go live" in September 2015. The aim is to add volunteers at several dozen schools and perhaps a partnership network with chapters across the globe. A second chapter has already been established at the University of Michigan, and in late May 2014 the project launched its first operational effort with software tools developed by Amnesty International to facilitate coding.



Student **Cassidy Curles**, who coordinates the FSU chapter, presents info on C-MEP at the Undergraduate Research Symposium in April 2014.



April 1, 2014, was a day to celebrate outstanding student research and academic excellence at the 14th Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium. Participating students enhanced their educational experiences by taking on directed research and creative activity under the supervision and mentorship of faculty and graduate researchers. The college was well represented by students in a range of disciplines with academic poster displays and oral presentations of their efforts.

From top: **Jessica McGuire** (Political Science), **Jonathan Norman** (Sociology), **Lindsay Cohn** (Geography)

"The students we have graduating from FSU are incredibly smart and prepared. If they can use these skills in pursuit of bettering their communities, if they will come together and decide to be the generation that does not sit firmly on party lines but works instead on helping their neighbors, then there is hope for the future."

- State Sen. Bill Montford (D-Tallahassee) after speaking about student engagement to a class on social problems taught by Pepper Institute Director John Reynolds at the Bryan Hall Learning Community.



Bryan Hall is the oldest of Florida State's residential learning communities. The College of Social Sciences and Public Policy maintains a living and learning community at DeGraff Hall with 38 students admitted for the 2014-2015 academic year. The community is intended for students with an interest in the social sciences and draws from the rich resources of the university, the college and the city of Tallahassee to create a unique learning environment designed to help residents advance their interests in the world around them with special courses and activities that are open only to them.





COSSPP students continue to impress with their ability to earn major scholarship and fellowship awards to fund their studies.

Four students from the college (out of five chosen university-wide) won Boren Scholarships this year for overseas language study: (left to right, with Dean **David Rasmussen**.) **Jacqueline Rojas** (International Affairs/Political Science), who will study

Portuguese at Universidade Eduardo Mondlane in Mozambique; **Tara Catanach** (IA), set to study Swahili in Tanzania; and **Paige Dabney** (IA/Geography), who will study Georgian in Tbilisi. All three are or have been Social Science Scholars. Not pictured: **Trevor Longstreet** (Political Science), studying Russian in the fall at Irkutsk State Linguistic University and taking spring 2015 courses in international relations and economics at the Moscow State Institute of International Relations.

In the 2013-2014 academic year, four students from the college were among the university's five winners of Fulbright Student Grants, which fund a year of study, research, or teaching English in more than 140 countries. **Jacqueline Allegra** (Interdisciplinary Social Sciences) will teach in South Africa; **Rosalia Contreras** (International Affairs), a 2013 Social Science Scholar, will teach in Spain; **Dan Davy** (Applied Economics/History) in Malaysia; **Lauren Gillespie** (International Affairs/Creative Writing) in Taiwan.

Four of the seven winners of Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarships are COSSPP students. Each received funding to study abroad through FSU's International Programs in summer 2014: **John Clark** (Political Science) in China, **Carolina Echeverri** (International Affairs) in Portugal, Social Science Scholar **Zachary Laranang** (International Affairs) in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and **Emily Toro** (International Affairs) in China.

**Alexis Cherry** (Economics) was named a Rangel Summer Enrichment Program Scholar for a six-week summer program at Howard University designed to provide undergraduate students with a deeper appreciation of current issues and trends in international affairs and a greater understanding of the skills needed to pursue careers.

Also from the Department of Economics, grad student **Douglas Norton** received a Dissertation Fellowship from the University of Chicago's Science of Philanthropy Initiative and grad student **Erich Cromwell** won a National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Award.

Two continuing master's students in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning, **Alex Riemondy** and **Chris Stansbury**, and one entering master's student, **Donald Morgan**, have been selected as recipients of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Eisenhower Graduate Fellowship.

A number of the college's students were recognized for their awards and achievements over the past academic year at the university's annual Celebration of Graduate Student Excellence, April 9, 2014.

- **Jesse Klein** (Sociology): Preparing Future Faculty Fellow
- **Hackyoung Bae** (Political Science): Preparing Future Professionals Fellow
- **Amanda Kubes** (Geography), **Rebecca Redmond** (Sociology), **Alison Rutkowski** (Urban and Regional Planning), **Robert White** (Economics): Program for Instructional Excellence Teaching Associates
- **David Abitbol** (Political Science): RAND Summer Fellowship
- **Daniel Bennett** (Economics): Institute for Humane Studies Fellowship
- **Stephanie Bradley** (Sociology): Social Science Research Council Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship
- **Nathalia Gillot Borden** (Political Science): Qasid Arabic Institute Annual Scholarship Program
- **Minjung Kim** (Political Science): Fulbright Grant (South Korea)
- **Cali Curley, Bruce Grant, Zia Obaid, Karen Samuel** (all Public Administration and Policy), **Jesse Klein** (Sociology), **Kareem Usher** (Urban and Regional Planning): Dissertation Research Grant Awards



*From top: Amanda Kubes and Alison Rutkowski, Hackyoung Bae and Jesse Klein, Stephanie Bradley and Minjung Kim, Nathalia Borden*

# FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



**Annette M. Schwabe** (right, with Dean **David Rasmussen**) received Florida State's 2014 Distinguished Teacher Award, the university's top teaching honor, during the annual Faculty Awards Dinner on April 25. Schwabe joined the Department of Sociology faculty in 2005 and has served as the department's director of undergraduate studies since August 2012. She has gained a reputation among students not only for her comprehensive and well-planned lectures but also as an encouraging mentor who is willing to give of her time to advise them.

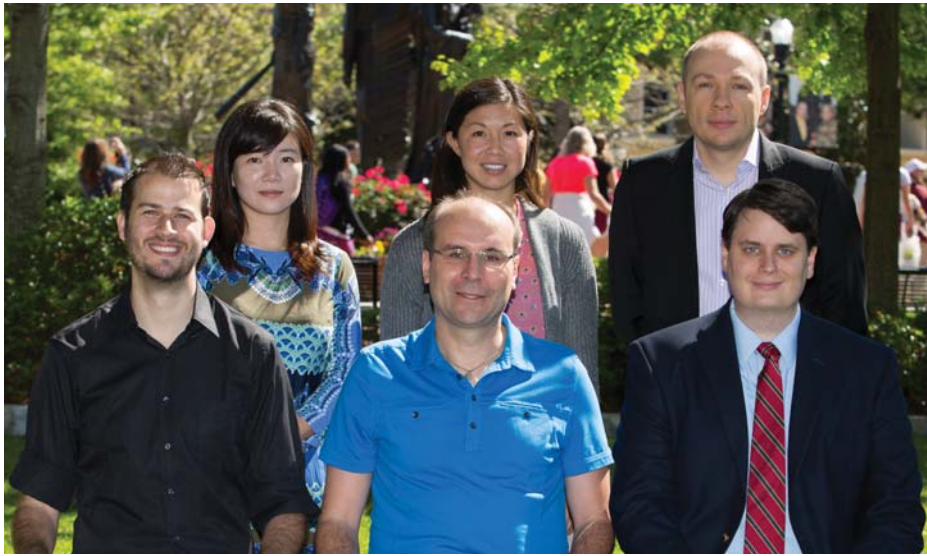


Several other faculty members in the college have distinguished themselves with important editor positions, including (top to bottom) **Carl Schmertmann** (Economics, Center for Demography and Population Health), editor of the journal *Demographic Research*; **Carol Weissert** (Political Science, Director of LeRoy Collins Institute,) editor of *Publius: The Journal of Federalism* and on the editorial board of *American Political Science Review*, considered the nation's premier journal in the field; and **Mark Horner** (Geography), appointed in 2013 as a U.S. editor of the journal *Transportation* and to the editorial board of *Travel Behaviour and Society*.



With the 2013 appointment of **Richard Feiock** (left) as managing editor of the respected journal *Public Administration Review*, the Askew School of Public Administration and Policy now has three professors in editorial positions, placing the school in a prestigious and unique position to shape research outputs in the field. **James Bowman** (center) serves as editor-in-chief of *Public Integrity* and **Kaifeng Yang** (right) as managing editor of *Public Performance & Management Review*.





The university's focus on elder issues and successful longevity got a significant boost from a \$1.4 million grant by the federal Department of Transportation to fund the Center for Accessibility and Safety for an Aging Population (ASAP). Led by Florida State University researchers, ASAP is a consortium of FSU, Florida A&M University, and the University of North Florida to address two of the department's strategic goals: improving highway safety and strengthening transportation planning and environmental decision making. COSSPP faculty associated with ASAP include **Mark Horner** (Geography), **Michael Duncan** and **Jeff Brown** (both Urban and Regional Planning). Brown and **Neil Charness** (Pepper Institute) serve as associate directors.

The Council on Research and Creativity presented its annual support awards in late March 2014. Two COSSPP faculty members received Committee on Faculty Research Support awards (\$14,000 each for summer salary support and other expenses): **Jens Grosser** (Political Science) and **Stephanie Pau** (Geography). Six other faculty received the council's First Year Assistant Professor Awards providing \$20,000 toward summer salary support: **David Berlan** (Public Administration), **Luke Boosey** (Economics), **Christopher Clapp** (Economics), **John Felkner** (Urban and Regional Planning), **Jee Seon Jeon** (Political Science), and **Holger Kern** (Political Science).

*Left to right, front: Boosey, Grosser, Berlan; rear: Jeon, Pau, Kern.*



Over the past year, research by faculty at the college has shed new light on women's issues. Left to right: **Anastasia Semykina** (Economics) and a co-author studied male attitudes toward the "glass ceiling" for female executives in six countries formerly aligned with the Soviet Union. The research was published in the journal *Kyklos* and featured on the web site Science Daily. **Anne Barrett** (Sociology) and Erica Toothman, who earned her Ph.D. at FSU and now teaches at the University of South Florida, presented their research on women's attitudes toward aging at the American Sociological Association's national conference in summer 2013. It was also reported by *Prevention* magazine. Barrett's continuing work on images of aging also led her to an analysis of AARP magazine from 1958 to the present, which she presented to the Women for Florida State University organization in March 2014. **Irene Padavic** (Sociology) and a colleague conducted interviews with professionals working 70 and 80 hours per week and found that job turnover and distress about lack of family and home time was the same for women and men. The research, featured in a November 2013 *Huffington Post* article, showed that policies geared to women—such as telecommuting or flex time—do not solve the problem.

**Marie Cowart**, dean of the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy from 1996 to 2003, former professor of urban and regional planning, and former director of the Pepper Institute on Aging, was given the Vires Torch Award from Florida State University in December 2013. The Torch Awards, named for the three torches in the university seal, were established in 1996 as a way for Florida State faculty to honor friends of the university who have contributed significantly to its academic mission.



**Shawn Lewers**, director of the Geographic Information Systems Lab, along with a team of students from urban and regional planning and geography, developed a 3D model of the FSU campus to determine which buildings may be candidates for solar panels. The team presented its findings to university officials in May 2014.



# FACULTY IN THE NEWS

**O**n January 28, 2014, Florida State University Communications and the Office of the Provost hosted the second annual News-makers of the Year event, a celebration of faculty members whose expertise raised the university's profile. Not surprisingly, a number of them (in fact, second highest of all university colleges) were from the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy, and our experts continue to be called upon for their views and insights.

■ **Lance deHaven-Smith** (Political Science): JFK assassination and conspiracy theories (*Agence France-Presse*, November 2013), Michael Dunn trial (*Florida Today*, February 2014), with **William Claggett** (Political Science) voter behavior (*Fort Myers News-Press*, April 2014)

■ **Will Moore** (Political Science): Ukraine crisis (*WTXL*, March 2014)

■ **Randall Holcombe** (Economics): state pension reform (*St. Petersburg Times*, April 2014), state budget (*Tampa Tribune*, May 2014)

■ **Larry Polivka** (Pepper Center): Florida's elder boom (*Sarasota Herald-Tribune*, August 2013), private care homes (*Sarasota Herald-Tribune*, January 2014)

■ **Christopher Uejio** (Geography, Public Health): risks of untreated drinking water, published in *American Journal of Public Health* (*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, March 2014)

■ **Miles Taylor** (Sociology): chaotic households and child health (*Medical News Today*, October 2013)



*Christopher Uejio and Miles Taylor*

■ **Patrick Mason** (Economics, Director of African-American Studies): food stamps (*Tampa Tribune*, August 2013 and April 2014)

■ **Audrey Heffron Casserleigh** (Director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Program): Winter Olympics security (*WCTV*, February 2014), Ukraine crisis (*WCTV*, March 2014)



*Patrick Mason and Audrey Heffron Casserleigh*

■ **Sam Staley** (Director of DeVoe Moore Center): Megabus (*WTXL*, May 2014), Elon Musk's hyperloop transit proposal (*CNN*, August 2013)

■ **Carole Weissert** (Political Science, Director of LeRoy Collins Institute): effect of government shutdown (*Tampa Tribune*, November 2013), Gov. Scott's line-item budget vetoes (*Tallahassee Democrat*, May 2014)

■ **Brad Gomez** (Political Science): weather's effect on voting outcomes (*Washington Post*, February 2014)

■ **Stephanie Pau** (Geography): tropical forests and climate change (*WAMC*, November 2013)

■ **James Elsner** (Geography): tornadoes (*Scientific American*, November 2013; *Gizmodo Australia*, April 2014; *US News* and *Huffington Post*, June 2014)



*Brad Gomez, Stephanie Pau, James Elsner*

■ **Bob Crew** (Applied American Politics and Policy): Jeb Bush (*New York Times*, May 2014)

■ **Mike Duncan** (Planning): Passenger rail effect on property values (*Palm Beach Post*, June 2014)

## STAFF HIGHLIGHTS



We're all very proud of **Tonja Guilford** (left), executive assistant to Dean **David Rasmussen** (right), who won the 2014 Exemplary Service Award (Administrative Services category) for her outstanding work and dedication to the college.



Congratulations to **Jamie Yeargan** (left), academic specialist and graduate program coordinator in the Department of Sociology, on winning the 2014 Faculty/Staff Seminole Award for her enthusiastic help and exemplary attitude toward students. Jamie was nominated by Associate Professor **Anne Barrett** (right).



The Claude Pepper Institute's longtime office manager, **Barbara Harris** (right, with Pepper Director **John Reynolds**) retired on March 31, 2013. In April, Barbara was recognized with a Sustained Service Award for her 35 years at the institute. ■



# CENTERS AND INSTITUTES NEWS

## CENTER FOR DEMOGRAPHY AND POPULATION HEALTH

**Karin Brewster, Director**  
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The center launched two new academic programs this year, an undergraduate minor in population studies and a combined degree program allowing outstanding undergraduates to enroll in graduate courses and count them toward a bachelor's degree and a Master of Science degree in Demography. Several undergraduates have already completed graduate courses in the MS-Demography curriculum, and the 2014-15 master's cohort will include the first students from this new program.

CDPH was well-represented at the 2013 annual meeting of the Southern Demographic Association in Birmingham, Ala., October 2013. Students, alumni, and faculty presented 12 papers, and CDPH and the FSU Department of Sociology co-sponsored this year's Presidential Reception, in honor of outgoing SDA president and center associate **Kathryn Tillman**.

In March, **Elizabeth Serow** presented the William J. Serow Prize, named for her late husband and longtime CDPH director, to **Collin McCarter**. The Serow Prize provides tuition support to the student in the MS-Demography program who best demonstrates outstanding potential in applied demography. At the end of the spring 2014 semester, Collin accepted a job offer with the Office of Economic and Demographic Research, a research arm of the Florida Legislature.

Fewer than ten percent of applicants to the U.S. Census Bureau internship program are accepted, so we are very proud of **Taylor Block** and **Kevin Barragan**, who interned there this summer.

The generosity of CDPH supporters and alumni makes possible the annual Nam Lecture (see page 25), arranged each year by the Charles B.

Nam Professor, **Woody Carlson** (right, with **Charles Nam**, left, and **Francesco Billari**). This year's lecturer, Billari, is department head and professor of sociology and demography at Oxford University. He received the 2012 Clifford C. Clogg Award for Early Career Achievement from the Population Association of America and is president of the European Association for Population Studies. Billari's lecture presented intriguing evidence pointing to a reversal of the fertility decline in highly developed economies.



## CENTER FOR DISASTER RISK POLICY / EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM

**David Merrick / Audrey Heffron  
Casserleigh, Directors**  
[cdrp.net/em.fsu.edu](http://cdrp.net/em.fsu.edu)

**Audrey Heffron Casserleigh** was appointed to the federal AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps Advisory Board in Washington, D.C. Her extensive background in emergency management will aid in evaluating and developing the newly founded FEMA Corps branch within AmeriCorps NCCC.

A research team led by faculty members **Janet Dilling** (EMHS) and **Ralph Brower** (Askew School) travelled to the Philippines to examine the risks faced by



unplanned communities, continuing previous investigations into why at-risk populations choose to settle in areas that are inherently dangerous.

EMHS created the Applied Emergency Management Studio to give students real-world experience in disaster management. Through a partnership with the Florida Association for Volunteer Action in the Caribbean and Americas, our students were able to work on Île à Vache, Haiti, in spring 2014 (above), conducting

hazard and vulnerability assessments, preparing training material, and performing community outreach to educate the population on how to protect themselves in case of disaster.

CDRP has begun a multiphase research project on the use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) in emergency management. The first part of the research involved development of a UAV capable of taking aerial photographs suitable for creating high-resolution mosaic photos and maps. This technology was deployed during the Haiti studio project and provided invaluable mapping information about storm surge and other hazards. In the near future, CDRP will deploy a proof-of-concept system to the Florida Division of Emergency Management capable of delivering real-time images of a disaster area directly to the State Emergency Operations Center in Tallahassee.



DEVÖE L. MOORE CENTER  
FOR THE STUDY OF  
CRITICAL ISSUES IN  
ECONOMIC POLICY AND  
GOVERNMENT

**Sam Staley, Director**

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The William and Helen Diehl Family Foundation announced in March 2014 that it would seed a two-year pilot project hosted by the center to identify and support new enterprises capable of providing sustainable solutions to the problems of poverty, unemployment, and public health in the U.S. and abroad. The foundation's selection committee selected ten projects from more than 120 proposals. Each of the ten will receive a \$5,000 grant to develop a business plan. As many as four of these projects will be selected to receive seed money up to \$50,000 for their first year of operations. To learn about the proposals and follow the progress of the competition, please visit [socialenterprisecompetition.com](http://socialenterprisecompetition.com). Read more about the college's Social Entrepreneurship and Innovation initiative on page 4.

DeVoe Moore Eminent Scholar **Keith Ihlanfeldt** produced research analyzing the effects of the Great Recession on housing, home values, and foreclosures. Working with Will Doerner, a former dissertation fellow in the center, Ihlanfeldt found that property appraisals don't fall at the same rates as home values, and wealthy homeowners benefit more from the appeals process than lower income and minority homeowners. In research just published by the highly

respected journal *Land Economics*, Ihlanfeldt and former dissertation fellow

**Tom Mayock** found that counties with more extensive land use planning have housing markets that are less responsive to changes in demand.

DeVoe Moore Center Director **Sam Staley** was an invited expert at a forum and workshop hosted by the Wake County,



N.C., Commission in November 2013 to discuss privatization of mass transit and the efficacy of commuter rail in Raleigh. Staley will co-edit a book on market-oriented approaches to public transit with urban planning professor **Jeffrey R. Brown** for Lexington Books. He will also co-author a policy book on public transit privatization.

Economics student **Spencer Wilkins** and business major **Manav Sheth** were awarded \$2,500 in the DeVoe Moore Center's undergraduate research competition for projects relating to entrepreneurship, regulation, and economic growth. The awards were used to underwrite their projects, and their papers were accepted for presentation at the Association of Private Enterprise Education (APEE) annual conference in Las Vegas in April 2014.

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AND ECONOMIC  
EDUCATION

**James Gwartney, Director**

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During the past seven years, the Stavros Center has developed an exciting, multimedia economic literacy course for use in both traditional classrooms and the rapidly expanding on-line market. It is suitable for both college and high school students. The center uses workshops, conference presentations, and an open-access online course to reach students and train teachers. Instructors from throughout the nation meet each May to update and improve the course package. The center anticipates that approximately 100,000 students will be utilizing the course package by 2016.

About 40 people attended the center's Common Sense Economics workshop February 7-8, 2014. **Mary Suiter** (above left), assistant vice president for economic education at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, led a workshop session on the use of podcasts, videos, and activities. Other topics included making the economic way of thinking relevant, legislative action on economics and personal finance, and the role of government.

LEROY COLLINS INSTITUTE

**Carol S. Weissert, Director**

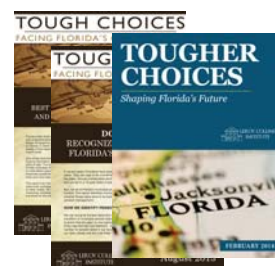
[collinsinstitute.fsu.edu](http://collinsinstitute.fsu.edu)

The institute celebrated its 25th anniversary in October 2013 with a reception at The Grove, the state-owned former home of LeRoy Collins, who served as governor of Florida, 1955-1961. The institute also held a day-long conference highlighting Gov. Collins' legacy in civil rights, environment, education, health care, and governance and discussing how that legacy can help define Florida's future. A short video on that subject is available at our web site, along with an essay on Gov. Collins' leadership.

The institute released three major policy and analysis reports over the past year:

*Tough Choices: Best Practices in Campaign Finance and Public Access to Information* provides information and direction to Florida policymakers as they implement a 2013 law on campaign finance. *Tougher Choices: Shaping Florida's Future* charts Florida's revenue and spending trends over the past few decades and finds that the state is overly reliant on retirees, tourism, and population growth for revenues and is failing to invest in the state's future through K-12 and higher education and infrastructure spending. *Doing It Right: Recognizing Best Practices in Florida's Municipal Pensions* analyzes the characteristics of municipal pensions that are healthy and well-funded and highlights local pensions with these characteristics. This is the sixth report from the institute on municipal pensions.

The institute was featured in an October 2013 *Florida Trend Magazine* article on Florida think tanks.





## PEPPER INSTITUTE ON AGING AND PUBLIC POLICY

**John Reynolds, Director**  
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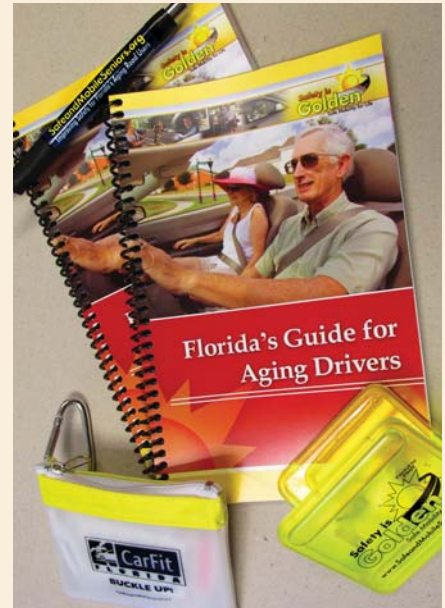
The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), now counting more than 850 members, offered 77 classes this year, more than double from last year, on a wide variety of subjects. Members also enjoyed the OLLI Noon Lecture Series, which hosted such speakers as former state legislator **Marjorie Turnbull** and Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare CEO **Mark O'Bryant**.

OLLI members took cultural trips to Sarasota and the Ringling Museums and embarked on their first study abroad program at the FSU London campus and Corpus Christi College at the University of Cambridge in England. More recently, they took a trip to Florence, Italy. Members also explored the Dalmatian Coast through the Semester at Sea program.

The Pepper Institute participated in FSU Day at the Capitol, April 1, 2014, to promote the institute's research, adult education, and outreach programs. **John Reynolds, Justine Gunderson, Thane Hutchinson, and Stefanie Kiedrowski** distributed flyers, brochures, and booklets about programs and fielded questions from visitors, including House and Senate members, lobbyists, staffers, and students.

The institute received its fourth annual grant from the Florida Department of Transportation to support the statewide Safe Mobility for Life Coalition. The grant funded the 2013 Florida Aging Road User Survey, which found that although motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of injury-related deaths among adults 65 years and older, very few older Floridians have discussed driving safety with a physician. The findings reflect a serious issue in Florida and across the nation—that older drivers are at a disproportionate risk for being involved in a vehicular crash, Pepper Institute Director John Reynolds said.

As of this year, the coalition has participated in seven conferences and sent out more than 7,000 road-user guides to 2,675 Florida residents. The coalition hosted its first Safety is Golden Mobility Fair in Broward County, Fla., this year to raise awareness of the availability of safety and mobility resources in local communities. John Reynolds is working with the coalition to develop a packet for legislators and other policymakers to be distributed this year.



## WILLIAM H. KERR INTERCULTURAL EDUCATION AND DIALOGUE INITIATIVE

**John Mayo, Director**  
dialogueinitiative.coss.fsu.edu

This year marks the fifth anniversary of the Kerr Initiative, founded in 2009 to honor the life and legacy of the late Monsignor **William A. Kerr** and his commitment to enhancing international understanding and peace through intercultural dialogue.

This past year, the initiative supported three fellows, chosen for their academic qualifications, professional aspirations, and leadership skills: **Jean Felix Ganishuri** (Rwanda), **Riad Matqualoon** (Syria), and **Kamal Showaia** (Libya). Candidates for Kerr Fellowships must be international students whose permanent residence is outside the U.S.



As part of its mission to promote interfaith and intercultural understanding, the initiative partners with various organizations, both on and off campus, such as the Broad Lectureship on International Affairs and the College of Education, co-sponsor of a campus visit, October 9-13, 2013, by **Yusny Saby**, a distinguished Indonesian educator, Islamic scholar and peace advocate. He gave a lecture on Islamic education and the politics of Syari'ah and delivered a keynote address at a regional

conference of the Comparative and International Education Society.

That same month, in collaboration with the Broad Lectureship and Tallahassee's Temple Israel, the initiative also welcomed respected authority on Middle East affairs, **Rabbi Eric Yoffie** (left, with **Na'ama Nagar** of the political science faculty). He spoke on politics and religion in the Israeli/Palestinian conflict.

The initiative's fourth annual Intercultural Communication and Leadership Seminar ran for six weeks in summer 2013. Nineteen student and faculty participants focused on the essential communication, conflict resolution, and consensus-building skills required for leadership and change in diverse cultural settings. The participants represented a number of academic fields, including international affairs, urban and regional planning, education, economics, and criminology.

# DEPARTMENT NEWS

## ASKEW SCHOOL OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY

**W. Earle Klay, Director**  
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In the past year, the Askew School has become the program of choice for several well-qualified doctoral students with backgrounds in social entrepreneurship. We are looking forward to enabling study in this field from the freshman year to doctoral dissertations under the new Social Entrepreneurship and Innovation initiative (see page 4).

In September 2013, **Richard Feiock** completed a study showing that Florida's Solid Waste Management Act of 1988 has not only laid a foundation for sustainable and environmentally responsible solid waste management; it has also stimulated job creation in specific industrial sectors of the economy. The research provides practical policy information on the economic consequences of achieving a 75 percent recycling rate by the year 2020.

Two doctoral students in the Askew School of Public Administration and Policy received major awards from the American Society for Public Administration. **Jisun Youm** (left) was selected as national winner of the Pi Alpha Alpha Best Doctoral Student Manuscript award.

**Cali Curley** (right) received a coveted Emerging Scholar Award.

With the addition to our faculty of **David Berlan**, an experienced nonprofit/NGO manager, the school has expanded course offerings in domestic nonprofit management as well as in the administering of international non-governmental organizations (NGOs). We now offer a full set of electives in our MPA program for students who wish to pursue careers of leadership in these vital 'independent sector' organizations, in the U.S. or internationally.



At the Askew School's annual awards ceremony, February 7, 2014, **Garnet Flecker** was presented with the Neil S. Crispo Community Service Award. On hand to congratulate Garnet (3<sup>rd</sup> from left above) were the donors of the Crispo Endowment Fund (left to right) Karl Wiklund, Barbara Crispo, and Alane Wiklund. Other students accepting awards that evening were **Schanell Hylton** (Turnbull Memorial Scholarship), **Cali Curley** (DeGuzman Award for best Ph.D. paper), **Michelle Comingore** and **Brittany Mattfield** (Parsons Award for best MPA papers), **Lachezar "Lucky" Anguelov** (PAGA Student of the Year), **Will Swann** and **Aaron Deslatte** (Natalia Trogen Poster Competition winners), and **Seunghoo Lim** (Cox Scholarship). Eight students were also inducted into the Pi Alpha Alpha Honor Society.

The Florida Center for Public Management (FCPM) continues to be the largest Certified Public Manager Training Program in the nation, although as yet offered in only a fraction of state agencies and local governments. For that reason, the school and the FCPM are striving to make more state and local officials aware of how the program can help improve the productivity and leadership abilities of their employees. Any readers who wish to enhance their organizations' productivity are invited to contact the school about the FCPM program.



**Frances Berry** won the 2014 Distinguished Research Award from NASPAA: The Global Standard in Public Service Education and the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA). Berry is the Frank Sherwood Professor in the Askew School. The annual award recognizes a scholar whose research has made substantial impact on the thought and understanding of public administration. Berry (center) received her award

March 18, 2014, from ASPA President Stephen Condrey (left) and NASPAA President Laurel McFarland.



## ECONOMICS

**Mark Isaac, Chair**

[coss.fsu.edu/economics](http://coss.fsu.edu/economics)

The department welcomes two new faculty members hired this past spring and starting in fall 2014. **Carl Kitchens** comes to us from Ole Miss with research in law and economics and economic history. **Mikhail Dmitriev**, recently of Boston College, is a macroeconomist with a specialty in open economy markets.

The department is also set to hire a professor to join its markets and institutions specialty thanks to the action taken by the Florida Legislature in the 2014 session. Senate President Don Gaetz and House Speaker Will Weatherford led the effort to establish the L. Charles Hilton Jr. Distinguished Professorship in Economic Prosperity and Individual Opportunity. The professorship will recur annually to fund salary, an annual symposium the new hire will host, and graduate student research and travel.

Graduate students **Alice Crisp** and **Rob White** were selected to participate in an annual meeting with Nobel Laureates in the field, a prestigious honor afforded only to the top young researchers worldwide. They traveled to Lindau, Germany, August 19-23, 2014, for the 5th Lindau Meeting on Economic Sciences, where they took part in intimate rounds of discussions offering opportunities for the exchange of experiences, opinions, and ideas with Nobel Laureates and other young researchers.

On July 19, 2013, students in the master's program in applied economics made their final project presentations to a panel of judges and invited spectators from private business, academia, government, and the nonprofit sector. This final phase of the program's capstone course included research and analysis of such issues as state lottery sales, Florida retirement system reform, and the economic impact of sales tax on online purchases. Symposium judges chose the team of **Jonathan Vidales**, **Kate Fricker**, and **Orlando Garcia** for the Mikael Norrbin Award for the Best Applied



Project for their presentation on the economic impact of the proposed Florida Center for the Performing Arts and Education in Tallahassee. **Jared Parmer**, (left, with program Director **Stefan Norrbin**), a member of the team studying the effect of exchange rates on Florida tourism, was awarded the Josh Mikels and Stan Shaffer Award for Outstanding Student.



**Natalia Ramirez**, secretary of the FSU chapter of the National Association for Business Economics, was awarded the department's Bill Peterson Endowed Scholarship for Distinguished Economics Majors.



Department Chair **Mark Isaac** and doctoral student **Douglas Norton** published a unique and compelling case study of how corruption in the Los Angeles Police Department was turned around in the early 1950s. *Just the Facts Ma'am*, which looks at the history in terms of economic models, studies the true story that was the basis of the Oscar-winning 1997 film *L.A. Confidential*. Isaac's other 2013 publication, co-authored with three other economists, is *Risky Curves: On the Empirical Failure of Expected Utility*.



Student winners of departmental awards include (left to right) **Brandon Brice** (Charles E. Rockwood Award for Outstanding Teaching Assistant), **Shuang Feng** (James H. Gapinski Award for Outstanding Achievement from a First-Year Graduate Student), **Rob White** (Dewey F. Bartlett Fellowship for Outstanding Achievement in Economic Education, Thomas McCaleb Award for Outstanding Teaching at the Upper-Division Level, BB&T Dissertation Award), and **Jeffrey Gough** (Michael J. Piette Summer Graduate Fellowship). Not pictured: **Daniel Bennett** (Irvin and Peggy Sobel Award for Outstanding Graduate Student), **Brian Meehan** (DeVoe Moore Dissertation Award).



Thanks to generous support from alumni to the college's general development fund, the largest contingent in the ten-year history of the FSU chapter of the National Association for Business Economics was able to attend the organization's Washington Policy Conference, February 22-25, 2014. Chapter advisor **Martha Evans** accompanied 16 students to this national policymakers gathering. The group also attended a reception at the Finnish embassy; met John Silvia (center front), managing director and chief economist for Wells Fargo; and on the way home attended the Economic Forecasting Conference at Georgia State University in Atlanta.

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**GEOGRAPHY**  
**Victor Mesev, Chair**  
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The Department of Geography has steadily built an enviable reputation for quality applied work.

Graduate and undergraduate programs now contain large sections where the focus is on the practical nature of geographic investigations. **James Elsner** teaches a course on chasing storms (top), and at the London international program, **Victor Mesev** taught one on the geography of Britain and Ireland that included many site excursions. The applied master's degree in geographic information science (GIS) offers students the opportunity to apply GIS theory and techniques to practice through courses such as land survey (2nd photo), GPS verification, and ground-truthing of aerial photographs and satellite images.

For the geography and environmental studies majors, many of the courses now require students to conduct applied field work. In the course on environmental field methods (taught by **Stephanie Pau**), students explore the natural history of local areas, such as longleaf pine forests in the Apalachicola National Forest, sand dune vegetation on St. George Island (3rd photo), and the mosaic of wetland habitats at St. Mark's, where last year students participated in the annual monarch butterfly tagging with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (bottom). Other applied courses include National Parks, Food and Environment, Water Resources and new e-series courses on Sustainable Society, Science in Practice, and Dead Cities.

**Jim Elsner** won the 2013 Gilbert F. White Distinguished Lecture Award from the Association of Geophysical Union, "for original contributions to the basic knowledge of natural hazards and/or disaster risks."

Assistant Professor **Joseph Pierce** received a \$90,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to examine the scale of governance in the regulation of land and community land trusts in the Twin Cities.



**Sarah Strazzo** was one of 12 finalists to compete in the inaugural Florida State University Three-Minute Thesis competition, which gave doctoral students three minutes to explain their thesis topics in an informative, entertaining, and accessible manner. The fast-paced event, which provided students with the opportunity to hone their communication skills under stress, took place in the College of Medicine auditorium on February 25, 2014.



**INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**  
**Lee Metcalf, Director**  
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We began our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations on February 27, 2014, with a special dinner for Dr. **Richard Gray** (left) who founded the master's program. At the dinner we honored the current recipient of the Richard B. Gray Scholarship, **Olivia Bibilonia** (right), who studied French in Paris this past summer.



The number of undergraduate majors continues to grow to more than 1,300 students, and we welcomed 43 new graduate students over the year. We also had a very favorable external review, which gave us good insights on where we have done well and where we should concentrate on improving the program.

Faculty and students continue our tradition of meeting once a month for supper. If you are ever in town on one of these nights, we hope you will join us. The event details are posted on our Facebook page ([facebook.com/groups/53683341613](https://facebook.com/groups/53683341613)).





**Whitney Bendeck** published her first book October 15, 2013. *"A" Force: The Origins of British Deception during the Second World War* (Naval Institute Press) explores an area of World War II history that has often been neglected, the origins of the country's deception activities. In conjunction with the publication, she gave a lecture January 3, 2014, at the National World War II Museum in New Orleans that offered a glimpse into research she's undertaking for



her second book, which will look at the role of "A" Force (Britain's first official deception organization) in supporting the D-Day operations.

Several students received scholarships for international study and travel: **Dariya Chayka**, **Alejandro Moreno**, and **Rima Nathan** (Carl & JoAnn Blackwell Scholarship Fund); **D'Juan Sampson**, **Daniel Van Jelgerhuis**, **Yanelis Valdes**, and **Laura Foreno** (Ronald and Ruth Hedge Scholarship); **John Clark** (Stewart Brown Scholarship); **Amanda Quintana**, **Ljubica Nikolic**, and **Melissa Magalhaes** (Shepard Broad Foundation Scholarship); **Mal Osmani**, **Hannah Everett**, **Jeff Babik**, and **Maud Smeets** (Thomas M. & Eileen R. Culligan Scholarship); **Kate Tanzosch** (Edna Ranck Scholarship); **Andrew Irvin**, **Cecilio Moreno**, **Emely Toro**, **Dustin Lynch**, **Adrianne Karasek**, **Alexandra Jump** (Dean's General Development Fund), **Calian Roten** (Monika Stokely Memorial Fund), **Christina Havlicek**, **Skylar Stains**, **Philip Unvericht**, **Vidal Carranza**, **Erin Kelley**, **Dominiq Vulcain**, **Karthikeyan Thiagarajan**, and **Caroline Echeverri** (International Affairs General Development Fund). Among the opportunities students have to put this funding to good use is the Florida State Study Abroad program in Dubrovnik, Croatia (pictured).



## POLITICAL SCIENCE

**Dale Smith/Charles Barrilleaux, Chairs**  
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Political science continues to be one of the most popular majors at Florida State. If you are one of our alumni, we hope to stay in touch with you and keep you engaged with the department. We've recently begun a department e-newsletter; you can always find the most recent web version at polisci.fsu.edu.

**Charles Barrilleux** takes over as chair of the department beginning with the 2014-2015 academic year. Dale Smith, who served 15 years in that capacity, returns to his regular faculty duties of teaching and research. Barrilleaux came to FSU in 1989. He studies U.S. state and local politics with specialties in public policy, health politics and policy, party politics, and urban policy.



Two new assistant professors join us in fall 2014. **Matt Pietryka** received his Ph.D. from UC Davis and studies political behavior and the impact of political communication within social networks. **Inken von Borzyskowski** received her Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin and specializes in the domestic politics of international relations. Two faculty are leaving for new positions: **John Barry Ryan** for SUNY Stony Brook and **Megan Shannon** to University of Colorado. Eppes Professor **John Scholz**, a scholar of public policy, is retiring after a productive 14 years developing new research in environmental policy and social networks and mentoring graduate students and faculty.

At our annual awards reception, April 8, 2014, **Mary Fritz** (left, with Chair **Dale Smith**) was recognized with the Charles Billings Public Service Award for her excellence in both the classroom and public service. She serves as vice president of Trafficked at FSU, an organization with ties to our Center for the Advancement of Human Rights, and thanks to the Social Science Scholars program, she worked with the Greater Orlando Trafficking Task Force over the summer.



**Victoria Clark** received the Thomas R. Dye Scholarship Award for her exceptional academic record. She is a junior with a 4.0 grade point average and also finds time for community service with the Ronald McDonald House and the Leon County Commission. Upon graduation, she plans to pursue a law degree and practice international corporate law.

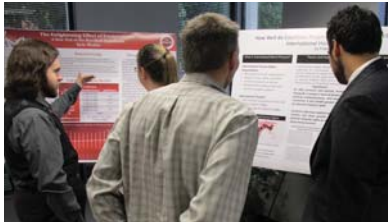
Other award recipients that evening included **Casey Delahanty** (Excellence in Teaching) and **Jack Mewhirter** (George W. Pruett Jr. Award for Best Graduate Seminar Paper).

We also recognized the inductees to the Pi Alpha Sigma Honors Society, students completing the Research Intensive Bachelor Certificate requirements, those completing their undergraduate degrees with a 4.0 average, and the nine political science majors who make up half of the 2014 Social Science Scholars program cohort.

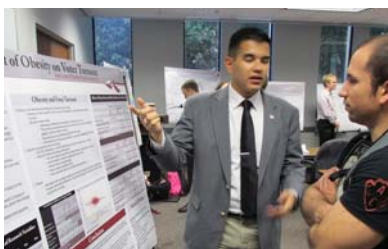


In June 2014, **Carol Weissert**, LeRoy Collins Eminent Scholar and Professor of Political Science, with the help of Assistant Professors **Amanda Driscoll** (left)

from Political Science and Patrick Merle from the School of Communication, launched a project to examine the media and public policy connections that resulted from the Trayvon Martin case.



Students in our Research Intensive Bachelor's Certificate (RIBC) program presented the results of their efforts in a research poster display, April 30, 2014. The program offers our best undergraduates a two-course sequence on independent research methods during their junior year. They then work closely with a faculty member on a research project their final year. Eight students (**Ryan Adelsperger, Lexia Arther, Nicole Klierer, Trevor Longstreet, Elizabeth Martin, Brooks Reed, Jacqueline Rojas, Sarah Teitelman**) presented their original research at the Southern Political Science Association's annual meetings in January 2014.



## PUBLIC HEALTH

**William Weissert, Director**  
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The big news for the program this year is the June 2014 announcement that we have been accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health. Accreditation means that our program meets the same standards for a Master of Public Health degree that are met by all the universities in the country offering the same degree, including many of the most prestigious institutions of higher learning in the U.S.



**Patrice Williams** (right), president of the Public Health Student Association (PHSA), and other members of the organization took part in the "Young Invincibles" live and statewide webcast presentation, September 19, 2013, in collaboration with the College of Medicine and Florida Chain, to educate young people on the details of the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

PHSA also partnered with the Florida Rural Health Association to provide pamphlets to service centers in a six-county area to inform them how the ACA will impact their patients. The group also received a \$1,000 Leon County Stakeholders Grant to fund a community garden project with the Greg McCray Boys and Girls Club; members work to maintain and support that garden.



Before passing the reins to incoming PHSA President Natalie Bonus, Patrice Williams was given the first annual Congressman Jason and Kelly Altmire Student Achievement in Public Health Policy Award at the annual Fresh and Fit Fair, a Public Health Week event, April 9, 2014.

At the same event, the program presented the inaugural Public Health Policy Person of the Year Award to **Kim Barnhill** (center, with Dean **David Rasmussen**, left, and Public Health Program Director **William Weissert**). Barnhill, chief of staff for the Florida Department of Health, received her Master of Public Health degree from FSU.



The Fresh and Fit Fair (a joint effort of PHSA and other campus organizations) also featured a healthy cooking contest modeled on the Food Network show "Chopped." Public Health Professor and Director of Outreach **Alan Rowan** (right) was one of the judges.

**Michael McFarland** has been hired as assistant professor, jointly appointed with the Department of Sociology.



**Amy Burdette** and **Miles Taylor** have earned tenure and been promoted to associate professorships.

**Jill Quadagno**, the Mildred and Claude Pepper Eminent Scholar in Social Gerontology, published the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of her textbook – *Aging and the Life Course*. She was also advisor to Senator Bill Nelson's Select Committee on Aging in 2013 and participated in numerous media/radio shows on the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the War on Poverty, one of her special research areas.

At the department's annual awards night on April 18, 2014, the following honors were presented to students and faculty: Allen/Klar Graduate Student Research Paper Award to **Daniel Lanford** (left in left photo, with Professor **John Reynolds**), Outstanding Grad Student Mentor Award to **Preeti Vaghela** (right in right photo, with graduate student **Dawn Godbolt**), J. Michael Armer Best Faculty Teacher Award to **Hernan Ramirez**, Best Graduate Student Teacher Award to **Teresa Roach**, Undergraduate Student Research Paper Award to **Alexandra Olsen**, Outstanding Faculty Teaching Award to **Miles Taylor**, Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award to **Daniel Tope**, Outstanding Grad Student Service Award to **Alexandra Raphael**.



On awards night, these students were inducted into Alpha Kappa Delta, the honor society for sociology students: (front, l-r) **Alyssa Whitworth**, **Megan Jones**, **Catherine Perez**, **Stephanie Urena Salas**, **Shawn Gauden**; (rear, l-r) **Alexandra Olsen**, **Wilburn Peacock**, **Ben Dodd-Arrow**, **Tianna Mason**, **Shanice Traylor**, **Stephanie Bradley**, **Emmanuel Burks**, **Bertan Buyukozturk**, **Clayton Gumber**, **Alejandro Torres**; not pictured: **Christopher Duffy** and **Allison Lick**.



The inaugural Symposium on Education and Hip Hop, February 20, 2014, provided a platform for researchers, educators, community leaders, policymakers, artists and cultural producers to present their ideas and practices and to further develop and encourage activities in hip hop and education. The symposium was organized by graduate student and rap artist **Andrew Mannheimer** (above, with speakers panel) and **Lisa Weinberg**, who has recently been promoted to associate teaching professor.



**Gloria Lessan** received an Office of Distance Learning (ODL) Award for Excellence for her Innovative and Effective Uses of Technology at the ODL annual ceremony, November 13, 2013. She received the honor for her book *Sociology of Law* (2012, Great River Technologies), the first e-book on this topic.

The Department of Urban and Regional Planning graduated its first class in 1966 and now counts almost 1,500 alumni across the fifty states and in more than 25 countries. These professionals and scholars continue to pursue work that creates sustainable and resilient communities in Florida and around the world.

The department kicked off its MAPS (Mentor a Planning Student) program this year in conjunction with the American Planning Association. The purpose of the program is to bring our students into a mentor relationship with a practicing public or private sector planner in their region and help them develop professional career networks. Through MAPS, students will gain exposure to the actual work environments, responsibilities and interactions of professional planning positions in Florida. The program is designed to support up to 15 students and 15 mentors per academic year.



After six years as chair of the department, **Tim Chapin** (left) stepped down this spring and was named Associate Dean of Development for the college. Under his portfolio as associate dean, he will manage efforts to recruit master's degree students into the college's professional programs, coordinate new initiatives to increase diversity among faculty and graduate students, work to get more graduate student support by increasing the visibility of the college's research capacity relevant to local and state government agencies, and direct fundraising efforts for professional programs in the college. Chapin will remain half-time as a faculty member in the department, where he will continue to be a highly valued researcher and exceptional teacher-mentor for graduate students.

**Jeff Brown** (right), who joined the department in 2003, has been named chair. Brown received his Ph.D. in urban planning from UCLA. He teaches courses in the transportation planning specialization and has served since 2008 as the department's master's program director. He is an associate director of the FSU-based Center for Accessibility and Safety for an Aging Population.

Pasco County, Fla., commissioners voted in early April to hire the department's Florida Planning and Development Lab (FPDL) to help further the redevelopment of the county's blighted west side. FPDL gives planning graduate students in their final year of study an opportunity for real-world applied work by contracting with various external agencies and community partners. The lab has won the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association's Student Project Award for the past two years for its work on graduate student housing and revitalization of the College Park neighborhood, both in Tallahassee. After months of site visits, data collection and analysis, and meetings with business owners, developers, community leaders and residents, the team will have a list of strategy recommendations for the short and long term by January 2015.



The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is providing more than \$300,000 to study how autonomous vehicle technologies (aka "robot cars") could enhance mobility for aging populations and the transportation disadvantaged. DURP faculty members **Michael Duncan, Tim Chapin** and **Lindsay Stevens** are the principal investigators on the research; Mark Horner and graduate students in geography are also part of the team. Preliminary findings will be shared with FDOT and other key stakeholders at the Autonomous Vehicles Forum in Orlando in December 2014.



**Jackson Harris** and **Jillian Neupauer** of the planning grad student organization Synoptikos addressed a group of prospective students at the department's open house, March 21, 2014.



**Petra Doan** (left), coordinator of the Master's International Program, was one of 18 lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender (LGBT) scholars selected by U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell to participate in a roundtable discussion, June 10, 2014, to provide guidance to the

National Park Service in raising the visibility of LGBT historic sites. The panel also discussed increasing the number of LGBT sites entered on the National Register of Historic Places (currently four) and designated as national landmarks (at present, just New York City's Stonewall Inn).



## Laird B. Anderson and Florence H. Ashby Lectureship on Public Policy Journalism

**Samuel G. Freedman:** "Breaking The Line: Black College Football and the Civil Rights Struggle"  
October 17, 2013  
*New York Times* columnist, professor of journalism at Columbia University

**Corinne Lesnes:** "Covering the Obama Presidency: A Foreign Correspondent's Perspective"  
March 6, 2014  
Washington bureau chief for *Le Monde*

## Ruth K. and Shepard Broad International Lecture Series

**Yusni Saby:** "Islamic Education and the Politics of Syari'ah in Aceh, Indonesia"  
October 12, 2013  
Indonesian educator, peace advocate and scholar of Islam

**Rabbi Eric Yoffie:** "Politics and Religion in the Israeli/Palestinian Conflict"  
October 31, 2013  
President Emeritus of the Union for Reform Judaism

**Jon Wiant:** "Spies, Drones, and Microphones: Security, Secrecy, and an Open Society"  
January 23, 2014  
Professor at Elliott School of International Relations at George Washington University, former State Department official

**Mustafa Akyol:** "Islam and Democracy in Turkey"  
April 23, 2014  
Journalist, author

## Joe Cresse Ethics in Government Lecture Series

**J. Patrick Dobel:** "What Athletics Teach Us About Ethical Action"  
November 15, 2013  
Author and professor at the Evans School of Public Affairs, University of Washington

## Center for Demography and Population Health 2014 Charles B. Nam Lecture in Sociology of Population

**Francesco Billari:** "A New Family and Fertility Regime?"  
March 21, 2014  
Chair, Department of Sociology, Oxford University, England

# LECTURE SERIES



# DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS GORDON GASTER

**T**hrough the many years since he graduated from Florida State University, years marked by countless achievements and high points, Gordon Gaster has always acknowledged the invaluable fundamentals and life lessons he learned on campus.

"FSU provided me with more than just an education," he says. "It gave me a foundation for a strong life and was instrumental to my personal and professional successes."

Of course, any successful person has to start out with a solid base, and for Gordon that came with a principle instilled in him at an early age.

"My love of learning has been a lifelong passion, a spark ignited at an early age by my mother's belief in the value of education," he recalls. "Over time, I adopted the perspective that knowledge is wealth. This belief formed the core of an abiding philosophy—one which guided my decisions in school, in the military, in business, and within my family."

The knowledge Gordon has always thirsted for was available to him both in and out of the classroom. A native of Florida, Gordon came to FSU in 1952 after a year's cross-country journey following high school graduation, during which he worked as a roughneck on oil rigs, drove combines and other equipment on farms, and most important, gained the motivation to further his education. Because he came from a poor school district in Central Florida, he had to work extra hard to improve his reading skills, train himself in time-management and study habits, and learn how to use the library most effectively.

His efforts in his studies were matched by the hours he spent on the jobs he needed to get himself through school: stocking vending machines, becoming a dormitory governor, managing the dorm laundry room, working in the dining hall, even selling pots and pans to students planning their weddings. His leadership skills were sharply honed as student body vice-president and member of the Student Senate for three years and as president of the FSU chapter of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. He even gained some important experience in an unexpected place.

"I joined the FSU Flying High Circus for one year, because it was a fun and efficient way to get an extra course credit," he says. "It was only later that I realized tossing students into the air—and catching them!—was good practice for disciplined multi-tasking. Little did I know then that working on commission is a lot like performing live 'without a net,' which I have done my entire business career."

It was his bachelor's degree in economics, however, that he credits as the platform for his service in the U.S. Navy, further study at



*Gordon Gaster was inducted into the Circle of Gold in 2010.*

the Wharton School, and a half-century-plus career in business. That career has taken him to many heights, not only as a financial consultant but also in the important municipal bond deals he brokered for the betterment of his community and his directorship of the Economic Council of the Palm Beaches.

With such a busy life, it's commendable the way Gordon has stayed engaged with the college and with FSU, offering his service, support, and example to the university community as, among other duties, trustee of the Florida State University Foundation and its vice chairman for three years, president of the alumni association, and founder of the Gordon D. Gaster Endowment Fund, which supports the Gus Stavros Center for Economic Education and its Economic Literacy Initiative. This unwavering dedication and generosity has earned him numerous awards and honors, including induction into the university's prestigious Circle of Gold, and makes him our ideal choice for Distinguished Alumnus for 2014.

"I never regret the time I spend connecting with FSU and the college," he explains. "As alumni, we all recognize that the knowledge we gained, the skills we learned, and the relationships we built during our time at the university contributed tremendously to our lives and professions. That's why it's so important—and so satisfying—to give back to the generations who come after us, so they can benefit, too." ■



# REUBIN O'DONOVAN ASKEW (1928-2014)

The college bid a sad farewell in March to one of our greats: alumnus, educator, former Governor of Florida Reubin O'Donovan Askew. He was a man known for unshakable integrity, commitment to public service, and forward-thinking leadership, and he will be greatly missed in the halls of Bellamy and the campus at large.

Born in Oklahoma, Reubin Askew moved with his mother and five siblings to Pensacola in 1937. After graduation from high school in 1946, he served in the U.S. Army as a paratrooper. He then attended Florida State, earning his bachelor's degree in public administration in 1951. Law school at the University of Florida followed, along with service in the Air Force during the Korean War, before returning to his adopted state and beginning a political career that has become a gold standard for others in public office.

He was elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 1958, serving two terms, then winning a seat in the state senate in 1962. He served there until his election as governor in 1970. During his two terms in that office (the first Florida governor to win re-election), he became known and widely respected as a progressive leader on civil rights, appointing the first black Florida Supreme Court justice and the first woman to head a state agency cabinet post. He was also a leader in tax reform and—a hallmark of his political legacy—open, accountable government, initiating and campaigning for the "Sunshine Amendment" to the state's constitution, which requires full and public financial disclosure by candidates and key public officials. The measure became a national model.

His advocacy and leadership on these

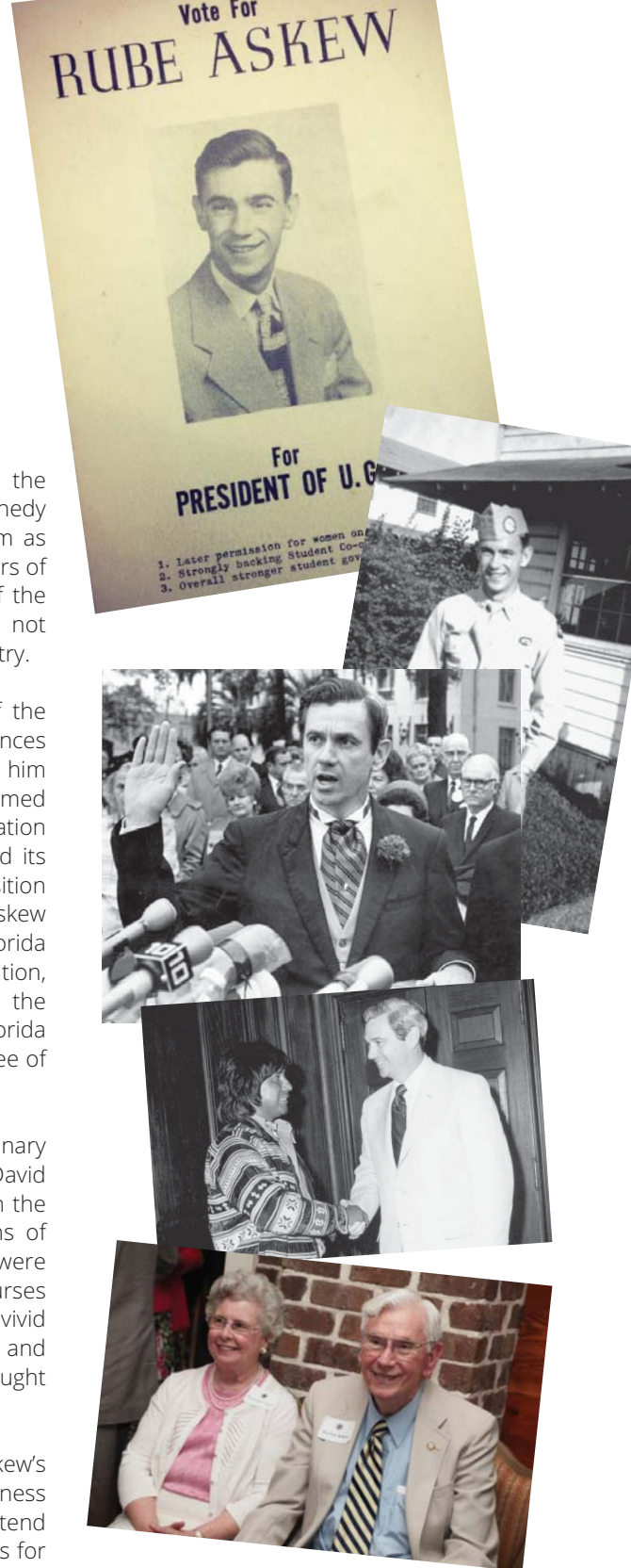
issues continued after he left the governor's mansion. Harvard's Kennedy School of Government ranked him as one of the nation's top 10 governors of the 20th century, an indication of the admiration people held for him, not only in Florida but across the country.

But it is as a valued member of the faculty at the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy that we know him best. In 1994, Florida State renamed its School of Public Administration and Policy in his honor. He joined its faculty in 1995; in 2000, his position was renamed the Reubin O'D. Askew Eminent Scholar Chair in Florida Government and Politics. In addition, he served as senior fellow in the university's John Scott Dailey Florida Institute of Government and trustee of the LeRoy Collins Institute.

"The governor was an extraordinary colleague," said Dean David Rasmussen. "Courses he taught in the Askew School shaped generations of future state leaders. Students were always so stimulated by his courses because he gave the material vivid life from his personal experience and through the state leaders he brought in as guest lecturers."

"The legacy of Reubin Askew's reputation, integrity, and inclusiveness in service to others is what we intend to keep passing on to our students for many years to come," said William Earle Klay, director of the Askew School. "Our school's mission statement perfectly reflects what he stood for: 'Promoting Scholarship, Democratic Governance, and Integrity.'"

Reubin O'D. Askew's legacy will live on in government and higher education, and his memory will forever remain in our hearts. ■



(Above, top to bottom) Running for student body president in 1950 (Heritage Protocol and University Archives); As a paratrooper, 1947 (State Archives of Florida, Florida Memory); Sworn in as governor, 1971 (State Archives of Florida, Florida Memory); With Joe Dan Osceola, president of the Seminole Tribe, in 1974 (State Archives of Florida, Florida Memory); Gov. Askew and his wife, Donna Lou, at a recent event.

# 2013-2014 DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

## GIVING IN HONOR OF GOV. REUBIN ASKEW

In his exemplary career as an elected official, Gov. Reubin O'D. Askew set the gold standard for unwavering integrity and commitment to the public good. He imparted these values to the students he taught and inspired for two decades in the Askew School of Public Administration and Policy within the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy. In supporting students who receive the following scholarships and awards, donors continue his legacy as an outstanding educator, mentor, and public servant.

■ **Reubin O'D. Askew Student Award for Public Service** (FO #4808) sup-

ports paid internships for undergraduate and graduate students within the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy who are interested in pursuing careers in federal, state, and local governments and in organizations that work with governments in addressing public policy issues.

■ **Reubin O'D. Askew Education Endowment Fund** (FO #7214) provides graduate scholarship support for current and entering graduate students in the Master of Public Administration program within the Askew School of Public Administration and Policy.

■ **Reubin O'D. and Donna Lou Askew Scholarship for International Studies Endowment Fund** (FO #4873) supports international travel awards for students within the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy with first preference given to international affairs majors with demonstrated financial need.

■ **Reubin O'D. Askew Young Alumni Award Endowment Fund** (FO #7532) was created in 2011 by the FSU Alumni Association to recognize outstanding alumni under the age of 30 who will serve as the leaders of the next generation of Seminoles. The Reubin O'D. Askew Young Alumni Award is the highest honor bestowed upon young alumni by the FSU Alumni Association.




To make a gift in memory of Gov. Askew, visit [coss.fsu.edu](http://coss.fsu.edu), click on Giving Back to the College link, then select the giving option of your choice.

## DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- 1,100 donors contributed \$1,897,729 to the college during FY2013-2014, of which \$1,259,607 was designated for unrestricted and current support, \$202,102 was designated for endowment, and estate/bequest gifts totaled \$436,000.
- Bellamy Society members increased 17% to 98 compared to 84 members during FY2012-2013.
- Per instructions from an anonymous donor, **Donors Capital Fund** of Arlington, Va., contributed \$439,500 to the Gus Stavros Center for Economic Education to fund the second year of a three-year expansion plan for the center's Economic Literacy Initiative.
- The **Diehl Family Foundation** of Defiance, Ohio, pledged \$336,000 to sponsor a competition to promote new start-up organizations as part of the college's new Social Entrepreneurship initiative (see page 4).
- **Dr. Laurie Ekstrand** of Hyattsville, Md., designated a portion of her Individual Retirement Account valued at \$156,000 to establish and fund the Laurie E. Ekstrand and William A. Eckert Graduate Scholarship Endowment Fund within the Department of Political Science.
- **The Kaul Foundation** of Tampa, Fla., contributed \$100,000 to provide unrestricted support for the applied economics program within the college.
- As part of his estate plan, **James Anderson** of Killeen, Texas, designated a trust provision valued at \$50,000 to establish and fund the James R. Anderson Endowed Scholarship in Economics.
- **Deborah and Nicholas Iarossi III** of Tallahassee, Fla., pledged \$37,500 to help fund public policy internships.
- In their estate plans, **Marianne and Mark Barnebey** of Bradenton, Fla., included a bequest provision valued at \$30,000 to establish and fund the Mark P. Barnebey Graduate Scholarship Endowment Fund within the Department of Urban and Regional Planning.
- Brothers **Kevin Sharp** of Newport Beach, Cal., and **Daryl Sharp** of Jacksonville Beach, Fla., pledged \$30,000 to establish and fund the Sharp Family Scholarship Endowment Fund within the Department of Economics.
- **Kelly and Jason Altmire** of Jacksonville, Fla., contributed \$27,000 to establish and fund the Congressman Jason and Kelly Altmire Endowment Fund, which will support the Congressman Jason and Kelly Altmire Student Achievement Prize in Public Health Policy within the college.
- **Janice K. Platt** of Tampa, Fla., pledged \$25,000 to establish and fund the Bobbie Lou Kaminis Scholarship in Public Administration Endowment Fund within the Askew School of Public Administration and Policy.
- **ERS Group of Tallahassee**, Fla., contributed \$25,000 to establish and fund the Joan G. Haworth Graduate Scholarship Endowment Fund within the Department of Economics.
- The **Apgar Foundation** of Indianapolis, Ind., contributed \$25,000 to help support the Gus Stavros Center for Economic Education's Economic Literacy Initiative.
- **Reva and Harry Lerner** of Tampa, Fla., contributed \$25,000 to help provide unrestricted support for the Department of Urban and Regional Planning.





# 2013-2014 BELLAMY SOCIETY MEMBERS

The College of Social Sciences and Public Policy gratefully acknowledges and recognizes the following leadership supporters as 2013-2014 members of the Bellamy Society for their annual unrestricted or current support gifts and pledges of \$1,000 or more during FY2013-2014 to help provide support either college-wide or for one of the college's departments, programs or centers.\* Thanks to their individual and collective generosity, the college continues to enhance and improve the quality of its students' academic experience. On their behalf, the college expresses its special thanks and appreciation to:

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Gordon is a graduate of Economics (BS '56).

**3:30 – 5:00 PM**

**DeVoe Moore Conference Room, 150 Bellamy**



Dean David Rasmussen (left) presents the 2013 Distinguished Alumnus Award to Mark Ellis at last year's event.



**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8**  
**GAME DAY / ALL COLLEGE ALUMNI TAILGATE**

**START TIME** 4 hours prior to kickoff

**LOCATION** The backyard of the president's home

There will be food, entertainment, soft drinks, water, beer and wine available.

Ample parking is offered in the alumni center lots and buses will be available to take guests to the stadium.

Buses will pick up from the stadium at the end of the third quarter and again at the end of the game to return to the president's home.

There is no cost to attend the tailgate.

Go to **[www.alumni.fsu.edu](http://www.alumni.fsu.edu)** to make your reservation to attend.

## **ALUMNI**

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## REMEMBER WHEN

Fred Flowers (left) and his sister Doby Flowers (right), both graduates of the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy, made history at Florida State. He was the university's first African-American athlete, and in 1970, she was elected as FSU's first African-American homecoming queen. The two are pictured here with their representations in the Integration statue on campus.

When Fred Flowers enrolled at FSU in 1965, he was one of only about a dozen African-American students. By the 2013-2014 academic year, that number had risen to more than 3,500.

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